

Thursday, September 3, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted conference report on labor-management bill and cleared for President bills on political broadcasting and State taxation of interstate commerce.

House passed highway financing bill.

Conferees agreed to file report on military construction appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17819-17827

Bills Introduced: 11 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2635-2645; S.J. Res. 138; and S. Res. 186.

Pages 17821, 17921

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 6059, providing additional civilian positions for the Department of Defense for purposes of scientific research and development, with amendments (S. Rept. 882);

H.R. 2301, 5357, 6335, 6546, 7744, 7857, 8196, 8197, 8198, 8199, and 8310, private bills (S. Repts. 883-893, respectively);

S. 2168, to permit the Navy to serve oleomargarine as part of its authorized ration (S. Rept. 894);

H.R. 2449, relating to the leasing of a portion of Twin Cities Arsenal, Minn., to School District No. 16 of Minnesota, with amendment (S. Rept. 895);

H.R. 2247, authorizing the conveyance of certain real property to Sacramento County, Calif. (S. Rept. 896);

H.R. 8315, directing the Secretary of the Army to lease certain property in Missouri for school purposes (S. Rept. 897);

H. Con. Res. 166, to provide for congressional approval of the disposal of certain diamonds and concentrates from the national stockpile (S. Rept. 898);

H.R. 6269, relating to readjustment pay for certain members of the Army and Air Force Reserves (S. Rept. 899);

H.R. 8189, to improve the active-duty promotion opportunity of Air Force officers from the grade of captain to the grade of major (S. Rept. 900);

S. 1806, to revise the Transportation of Explosives Act to cover certain radioactive materials, with amendments (S. Rept. 901).

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Bills Referred: Five House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Agricultural Trade Development: Consideration of S. 1748, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development

and Assistance Act of 1954, Senate's unfinished business, was resumed.

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Political Broadcasting: Senate adopted conference report on S. 2424, to amend the Communications Act with respect to equal time for political broadcasting. This action cleared bill for President's signature.

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State Taxation of Interstate Commerce: S. 2524, relating to State taxation of interstate commerce, was cleared for President when Senate adopted conference report thereon.

Pages 17832-17839

Private Bill: Senator O'Mahoney was excused from further service as conferee on House amendment to S. 607, private bill, and Senator Carroll was appointed to be conferee in his place.

Huntley Reclamation Project: Senate cleared for President S. 53, to convey certain public lands on the Huntley reclamation project, Yellowstone County, Mont., to Yellowstone County, when it concurred in House amendments thereto.

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Bill Indefinitely Postponed: Committee on Labor and Public Welfare was discharged from further consideration of S. 76, to amend the National Labor Relations Act of 1947, as amended, and the bill was then indefinitely postponed.

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Labor Management Reform: Following its consideration throughout the day, Senate adopted by 95 yeas to 2 nays (motion to reconsider tabled) conference report on S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Prior to this and during the recess last night, pursuant to prior authorization, this conference report was filed and was printed as S. Doc. 51.

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Nomination: The nomination of William A. M. Burden, of New York, to be Ambassador to Belgium, was received.

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Recess: Recessed at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee, in executive session, approved the nominations of J. Vincent Burke, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense; Maj. Gen. David M. Shoup, to be Commandant of the Marine Corps; and 682 nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The committee voted to withhold reporting General Shoup's nomination pending further consideration of the length of term as Commandant.

Also, the committee ordered favorably reported without amendment H.R. 8189, to improve the active-duty promotion opportunity of Air Force officers from the grade of captain to the grade of major; H.R. 6269, relating to readjustment pay for certain members of the Army and Air Force Reserves; H. Con. Res. 166, to provide for congressional approval of the disposal of certain diamonds and concentrates from the national stockpile;

H.R. 8315, directing the Secretary of the Army to lease certain property in Missouri for school purposes; H.R. 2247, authorizing the conveyance of certain real property to Sacramento County, Calif.; and S. 2168, to permit the Navy to serve oleomargarine as part of its authorized ration; and with amendment H.R. 2449, relating to the leasing of a portion of Twin Cities Arsenal, Minn., School District No. 16 of Minnesota.

Prior to this action, in open session, testimony was received as follows: On the nomination of Mr. Burke, with favoring testimony from Senator Scott; on the nomination of General Shoup, with testimony from Under Secretary of the Navy Fred A. Bantz; on H.R. 8189, with testimony from Maj. Gen. E. S. Ligon, Jr., Director of Personnel Planning, and Col. William W. Berg, Chief of Promotions Division, both of the Air Force; and on H.R. 6269, with testimony from Col. Oswald A. Leahy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Army, and Lt. Col. Thomas A. Twomey, Office of the Director of Personnel Planning, Air Force.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 9044-9070; 13 private bills, H.R. 9071-9083; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 517 and 518, H. Con. Res. 431-433, and H. Res. 374-378, were introduced. **Pages 17934-17935, 17945, 18023-18024**

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 374, proceedings against Martin Popper (H. Rept. 1135);

H. Res. 375, proceedings against Edwin A. Alexander (H. Rept. 1136);

Twelfth Report of the Committee on Government Operations entitled "Availability of Information From Federal Departments and Agencies (Progress of Study, August 1958-July 1959)" (H. Rept. 1137);

S. 1845, relating to reestablishment of rates of basic compensation for certain Government positions, amended (H. Rept. 1138);

H. Res. 368, to amend H. Res. 91 of the 86th Congress, amended (H. Rept. 1139);

H. Res. 376, closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 9035, to permit the issuance of series E and H U.S. savings bonds at interest rates above the existing maximum and to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to designate certain exchanges of Government securities to be made without recognition of gain or loss (H. Rept. 1140);

Conference report on H.R. 7629, extending authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans under section 17 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (H. Rept. 1141);

S. 1944, to amend the Bankruptcy Act in regard to the verification of pleadings, amended (H. Rept. 1142);

H.R. 1217, to provide for temporary suspension of duty on certain amorphous graphite, amended (H. Rept. 1143);

H.R. 5887, to provide for free importation of ground, powdered, or granulated seaweeds, amended (H. Rept. 1144);

H.R. 8229, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide an exemption from income tax for supplemental unemployment benefit trusts, amended (H. Rept. 1145);

Conference report on H.R. 8575, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense (H. Rept. 1146);

Conference report on S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (H. Rept. 1147); and

H.R. 9035, to permit the issuance of series E and H U.S. savings bonds at interest rates above the existing maximum and to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to designate certain exchanges of Government securities to be made without recognition of gain or loss (H. Rept. 1148).

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Contempt Citations: By voice votes the House adopted the following two resolutions citing the following witnesses for contempt of Congress:

H. Res. 374, citing Martin Popper. **Pages 17927-17935**

H. Res. 375, citing Edwin A. Alexander.

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Wright Brothers Day: Adopted an amendment and passed by a voice vote H.J. Res. 513, designating the 17th day of December 1959 as "Wright Brothers Day."

Pages 17945-17946

Highway Financing: After rejecting a recommittal by a voice vote the House by a record vote of 98 yeas to 162 nays passed H.R. 8678, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959. By a teller vote of 98 yeas to 170 nays the House rejected a committee amendment to insert language relating to congressional policy with respect to reimbursing States for certain highways previously constructed in the Interstate System. The bill provides for a 1-cent-per-gallon increase in the Federal gasoline tax for 22 months.

H. Res. 372, the closed rule under which the legislation was considered, had been adopted earlier by a voice vote.

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Alaskan-Hawaiian Airports: By a voice vote the House adopted H. Res. 373, the rule providing for the consideration of and 1 hour of debate on S. 2208, to provide for equal treatment for the States of Alaska and Hawaii under the Federal Airport Act, but deferred consideration of the bill to a later date.

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Conference Reports Adopted: Conference reports on the following bills were adopted by the House:

Tax refunds credit: H.R. 2906, to extend period for filing claims for credit or refund of overpayment of income taxes arising as result of renegotiation of Government contracts (cleared for President by a voice vote).

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Social security—school employees: H.R. 213, relative to providing social-security coverage for nonprofessional school district employees (cleared for President by a voice vote).

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Tourist Literature Tariff: H.R. 2411, providing for free importation of tourist literature, was cleared for Presidential consideration by House agreement to Senate amendments thereto.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE REAL ESTATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Real Estate considered and approved in executive session several Air Force disposal projects. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PASSPORT LEGISLATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Resumed executive consideration of H.R. 55, to provide for the denial of passports to persons knowingly engaged in activities intended to further the international Communist movement.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations met in executive session with respect to the Commodity Credit Corporation and certain of its cotton transactions. Agriculture Department witnesses were heard and hearings adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered favorably reported to the House the following printing resolutions:

H. Res. 341, authorizing the printing of "U.S. Defense Policies in 1958" as a House document (1,500 copies);

H. Res. 352, to print as a House document the handbook entitled "The U.S. Courts" (1,500 copies);

H. Res. 353, providing for the printing of 1,000 additional copies of the hearings on space propulsion;

H. Res. 354, providing for the printing of 1,000 additional copies of the hearings on missile development and space sciences;

H. Res. 370, to print the document entitled "Foreign Trade Interests in the State of Oregon," as a House document (1,500 copies);

H. Con. Res. 404, providing for printing 5,000 additional copies of the compendium of papers entitled "Compendium of Papers Submitted on Revision of the Federal Income Tax Laws";

H. Con. Res. 405, providing for printing 4,000 additional copies of the hearings entitled "Hospital, Nursing Home, and Surgical Benefits for OASI Beneficiaries";

S. Con. Res. 53, to print 10,000 additional copies of hearings on "Fallout From Nuclear Weapons Testing"; and

S. Con. Res. 72, to print 10,000 additional copies of hearings on "Biological and Environmental Effects of Nuclear War."

The committee also ordered favorably reported H. Res. 340, providing two additional assistants for the document room, Office of the Doorkeeper.

ALFORD-HAYS ELECTION DISPUTE

Committee on House Administration: Adopted a resolution relative to the investigation of the November 4, 1958, election in the Fifth Congressional District of Arkansas, and declaring that Dale Alford was duly elected to the 86th Congress.

D.C. TRANSIT REGULATION—TRADING WITH ENEMY ACT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 4815, to insure effective regulation of D.C. Transit System, Inc., and fair and equal competition between D.C. Transit System, Inc., and its competitors; and

H.R. 6462, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, so as to provide for certain payments for the relief and rehabilitation of needy victims of Nazi persecution.

ANTITRUST LAW AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee continued hearings on H.R. 2266, and related bills, to exempt certain professional sports enterprises (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) from the antitrust laws. Representatives of the radio and television industries were heard and hearings continue tomorrow.

U.S. SAVINGS STAMPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 held hearing on H.R. 8107, to prohibit the use of U.S. savings stamps for trade promotion. Testimony was heard from Julian B. Baird, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs; and Representative Multer. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MISCELLANY

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 8289, to accelerate the commencing date of civil-service retirement annuities; and

S. 1845 (amended), to provide for the establishment of rates of basic compensation for certain positions in the Patent Office in the Department of Commerce.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY MEETINGS

Committee on Rules: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 368 (amended), amending H. Res. 91 to authorize the Public Works Committee to attend international meetings relating to roads and highways wherever held.

SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST RATE CEILING

Committee on Rules: Granted a closed rule with 2 hours of debate on H.R. 9035, to remove the interest rate ceiling on savings bonds. Witnesses heard on the rule were Representatives Mills, Simpson of Pennsylvania, Keogh, and Byrnes of Wisconsin.

SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST RATE BILL

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered favorably reported to the House H.R. 9035, to remove the interest rate ceiling on savings bonds.

Joint Committee Meetings

AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR PROPULSION

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The Research and Development Subcommittee met in executive session to review a draft report on aircraft nuclear propulsion hearings, held earlier in the session. Committee did not conclude action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow to consider this matter and a summary analysis on hearings on employment radiation hazards and workmen's compensation insurance, also held earlier in the session.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8575, fiscal 1960 appropriations for military construction.

FARM LOANS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 7629, relating to the extension and expansion of the refinancing loan authority of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared military construction appropriations for President.

Senate sustained veto of second Housing Act of 1959, cleared independent offices appropriations for President, and worked on agricultural trade development extension.

House cleared labor reform bill for President, and passed bill on savings bonds interest rates.

Senate committees reported Federal-aid highway bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 18036-18037

Bills Introduced: 4 bills were introduced, as follows:
S. 2646-2649.

Pages 18037, 18108

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Title 1 of H.R. 8678, proposed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959, with amendments (reported by Committee on Public Works) (S. Rept. 902);